

Amendment
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~biodegradable plastic~~ An aliphatic polyester composition comprising (A) 100 parts by weight of ~~biodegradable plastic~~ aliphatic polyester, (B) 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of a carbodiimide compound, and (C) 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~biodegradable plastic~~ aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said triazine-based compound is a triazine-based ultraviolet absorber or triazine derivative having at least one amino group in the molecule.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~biodegradable plastic~~ aliphatic polyester composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said hydroxylamine-based compound is N-hydroxybenzotriazole or N-hydroxysuccinimide.
5. (Cancelled)

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6. (Currently Amended) The ~~biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester~~ composition according to claim 1, characterized in that said carbodiimide compound (B) is aliphatic polycarbodiimide.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester~~ composition according to claim 6, characterized in that said aliphatic polycarbodiimide compound has an isocyanate terminal.
8. (Currently Amended) A molded article of a ~~biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester~~ obtained by molding the ~~biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester~~ composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7.
9. (Currently Amended) The molded article of the ~~biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester~~ according to claim 8, which is in the form of molded article, extrudate, blow-molded article, thermally molded article, fiber, non-woven fabric, film or sheet.
10. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a biodegradation rate of a ~~biodegradable plastic an aliphatic polyester~~, characterized in that ~~a biodegradable plastic the aliphatic polyester~~ (A) is compounded with a carbodiimide compound (B) and at least one compound (C) selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds in such a way to adjust its biodegradability.